

The Commissioner stated that if parents are concerned about this issue, they should look at the building director.

That response, Mr. Speaker, is simply not acceptable.

Parents deserve to know all the facts that could impact their children's safety and security before they decide to enroll their child in a particular day-care center located in a Federal building.

We have before us today Baylee's Law. It will require the General Services Administration to affirmatively reach out to parents who place their child in Federal day-care centers and provide them with written information about the other tenants of the building and the security designation of that building.

GSA would also be required to notify parents of any new tenants that move into the building when the new tenant could increase the safety threat to the facility.

In the event that the GSA receives information about a serious threat that could jeopardize the safety of children in a day-care center, parents are to be notified immediately.

Mr. Speaker, this important legislation can provide a new level of protection for the 7,600 children who are now being cared for at day-care centers located in 114 Federal buildings across the country.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank our subcommittee staff, Matt Wallen and Susan Britta for their fine work; and I urge all of my colleagues to support this important piece of legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I submit the following exchange of letters for the RECORD.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE,

Washington, DC, September 19, 2000.

Hon. DAN BURTON,
Chairman, Committee on Government Reform,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN, Next week the House may consider H.R. 4519, "Baylee's Law." While H.R. 4519 primarily contains provisions related to matters solely in the jurisdiction of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, I recognize that certain provisions in the bill regarding the General Services Administration's policies concerning childcare facilities located in public buildings are under the jurisdiction of the Committee on Government Reform.

I agree that allowing this bill to go forward in no way impairs upon your jurisdiction over these provisions, and I would be pleased to place this letter and any response you may have in the Congressional Record during our deliberations on this bill. In addition, if a conference is necessary on this bill, I would support any request to have the Committee on Government Reform be represented on the conference with respect to the matters in question.

I look forward to passing this bill on the Floor soon and thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

BUD SHUSTER,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REFORM,
Washington, DC, September 19, 2000.

Hon. BUD SHUSTER,
Chairman, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: In response to your request and in the interest of expediting Floor consideration of the bill, the Committee will not exercise its jurisdiction over H.R. 4519—Baylee's Law. The bill amends the Public Buildings Act of 1959 concerning public safety and security of children enrolled in childcare facilities located in public buildings under the control of the General Services Administration.

As you know, House Rules grant the Committee on Government Reform wide jurisdiction regarding the overall economy, efficiency and management of government operations and activities. This action should not, however, be construed as waiving the Committee's jurisdiction over future legislation of a similar nature. I would also request that members of the Government Reform Committee be appointed as conferees if a conference committee is appointed.

I look forward to working with you on this and other issues throughout the remainder of the 106th Congress.

Sincerely,

DAN BURTON,
Chairman.

MR. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I commend Economic Development Subcommittee Chairman FRANKS for his interest in safety at childcare centers, and especially his interest in stopping the terrible destruction and injury caused by flying glass.

The General Services Administration (GSA) childcare program is a very successful program, with 85 percent of its childcare centers accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Approximately 7,000 youngsters, ranging in age from infancy to 5 years old, are enrolled in GSA childcare centers located in 113 Federal facilities across the country.

H.R. 4519 will ensure that parents of children in GSA childcare centers have the best available information regarding the tenants at these Federal facilities. H.R. 4519 instructs GSA to notify parents before they enroll their children in a childcare center located in a Federal building of the current Federal agencies occupying the building and the level of security of that particular Federal building. It also requires GSA to notify parents of any change in the Federal tenants in the building. This bill will ensure that this information is readily available to parents.

The short title for this bill is "Baylee's Law". It is named for Baylee Almon, a one-year-old child attending the childcare center located in the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City at the bombing in 1995. She and fourteen other small children were killed in that tragic incident.

I urge all Members to support this bill.

MR. FRANKS of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LATOURETTE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4519, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The title of the bill was amended so as to read:

"A bill to amend the Public Buildings Act of 1959 concerning the safety and security of children enrolled in childcare facilities located in public buildings under the control of the General Services Administration, to provide for reform of the Federal Protective Service, and for other purposes."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

MR. FRANKS of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on H.R. 4519.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

APOLLO EXPLORATION AWARD ACT OF 1999

MR. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2572) to direct the Administrator of NASA to design and present an award to the Apollo astronauts.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2572

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Apollo Exploration Award Act of 1999".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress makes the following findings:

(1) On July 20, 1969, Neil A. Armstrong and Edwin E. "Buzz" Aldrin Jr., became the first humans to set foot on another celestial body, during the Apollo 11 mission, accompanied in lunar orbit by Michael Collins.

(2) Between 1969 and 1972, ten other Americans courageously completed the first human exploration of the lunar surface, accompanied by five command module pilots:

(A) Apollo 12—Charles J. "Pete" Conrad Jr., Alan L. Bean, and Richard F. Gordon Jr.

(B) Apollo 14—Alan B. Shepard Jr., Edgar D. Mitchell, and Stuart A. Roosa.

(C) Apollo 15—David R. Scott, James B. Irwin, and Alfred M. Worden.

(D) Apollo 16—John W. Young, Charles M. Duke Jr., and Thomas K. Mattingly II.

(E) Apollo 17—Eugene A. Cernan, Ronald E. Evans, and Harrison H. Schmitt.

(3) In April 1970, James A. Lovell Jr., John L. Swigert Jr., and Fred W. Haise Jr., valiantly made a safe return from the Moon on the Apollo 13 mission, after their command module was disabled by an explosion.

(4) The enormous successes of the Apollo lunar landing missions were only possible due to the pioneering work of the previous Apollo missions, which performed critical testing of the spacecraft and methods, and conducted the first human travel to the Moon:

(A) Apollo 7—Walter M. Schirra Jr., Donn F. Eisele, and R. Walter Cunningham.

(B) Apollo 8—Frank Borman, James A. Lovell Jr., and William A. Anders.

(C) Apollo 9—James A. McDivitt, David R. Scott, and Russell L. Schweickart.

(D) Apollo 10—Thomas P. Stafford, John W. Young, and Eugene A. Cernan.